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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

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According to [REDACTED], he was in contact with an individual on the 13th of June by the name of "Bill," whom he refused to identify further. According to [REDACTED], "Bill" had helped to load a shipment of guns for Resurrection City in Washington, D. C., and that since the protest movement had settled in Washington, D. C., shipments of guns, flame throwers, and dynamite had been shipped to Washington, D. C., on a regular basis. "Bill" stated that the shipments were handled by one [REDACTED] of New York City who was allegedly a CP sympathizer.

"Bill" stated there exists elaborate plans for a well organized take-over in Washington, D. C., including the use of suicide squads organized for the purpose of assassinating major government officials including the President, the Vice President, Dean Rusk, and Clark Clifford. The plans also include the destruction of key government buildings including the Pentagon, Senate Office Building, and the files of the FBI.

According to "Bill," the violence would begin when Resurrection City is being dismantled under the supervision of local police in Washington, D. C., and at this point an incident would be provoked with the police in order to implement the plans.

[REDACTED] alleges that bridges leading to and from Washington will be demolished so as to make it impossible for Army troops to take over in defending Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] stated there is a garage

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located on Cochran (ph) Street, Washington, D. C., which is a store house for the arms and weapons. [REDACTED] could not give any specific information relative to this garage, but indicated it was approximately a fifteen minute walk from the White House. [REDACTED] stated there is a CP cadre now functioning in Resurrection City and added that the leadership in Resurrection City is not aware of this cadre. [REDACTED] stated that members are from many of the black militant organizations such as Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), the Black Panther Party (BPP), the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and a group described as the Youth International Party. [REDACTED] stated this cadre group has been training for the past six months and could not furnish any other details concerning it.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Source is [REDACTED] and to date the FBI cannot verify [REDACTED]. The information is unconfirmed and not corroborated by any confidential sources. [REDACTED] refused to identify "Bill."

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AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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\*Cochran (ph) Street may be Corcoran Street. It is noted that a John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church is located at 14th and Corcoran Street, N. W. This church has been the site of a good deal of activity connected with the Poor People's Campaign.

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COMMENT

It is conceivable that the "Bill" mentioned by ██████████ and the "Billy" reported to the Bureau by a federal investigative agency may be one and the same person. It also appears possible that the information pertaining to "Bill" and "Billy" may relate to information reported by the FBI on 4 June 1968.

At that time the FBI reported that Stokely Carmichael had completed his West Coast trip and that reliable confidential sources stated that Carmichael had spent several days in California conferring with members of the Militant Black Nationalist Black Panther Party and with members of the Black United Front, an umbrella-type organization formed in February 1968 with the help of Carmichael, in an attempt to unite representatives of various Negro organizations. The FBI reported that Carmichael, in speaking about the Black United Front on 3 June in San Francisco, stressed the need to expand and improve this organization and stated that one of its objectives is to seize control of the government of the District of Columbia.

Also on the 4th of June the Bureau reported information from a confidential reliable source that the Republic of New Africa had recently concluded a three-day Legislative Assembly in Chicago. According to the FBI, the Assembly decided to immediately form paramilitary groups in major cities throughout the United States and to contact militant Negro military oriented groups in order to organize military training programs in the immediate future. Detailed instructions in how to use a shotgun to propel Molotov cocktails and how to prepare various pyrotechnic devices were also given. The Black Panther Party in California was specifically mentioned as an organization which should receive the above instructions by 4 June 1968.

The Republic of New Africa is a black militant group which seeks to set up an independent black nation within the United States

It is noted that Stokely Carmichael and his wife Miriam Makeba returned to Washington, D. C., on the evening of 18 June 1968 after a trip to California and attended a garden party at the Embassy of Guyana.

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A source of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) residing in Resurrection City advised that a rumor was prevalent that someone had offered to pay junior and senior high school students in Washington, D. C., to burn and loot businesses on Connecticut Avenue while the mass demonstration is taking place at the Lincoln Memorial. An officer of the OEO stated the same rumor was prevalent near 22nd and P Streets, N. W. ....

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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A Memphis, Tennessee, newspaperwoman advised that an SCLC official stated on 18 June that the Solidarity Day march in Washington, D. C., would be like a "firehouse." He warned marchers to prepare for the worst as there might be violence, although the SCLC would not promote it.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) met in New York City on 16 June and decided to send representatives to Washington, D. C. , on 19 June 1968 to participate in Solidarity Day: They plan to distribute SDS literature during the demonstration.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: A source who has provided reliable information in the past.

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Henry Winston, chairman of the CPUSA, stated on 17 June that in the past SCLC officials approached him to furnish a cadre with organizational ability and as a result three members of the CP were assigned to work with the SCLC. Reportedly Winston, himself, was to meet with the SCLC leaders on the evening of 18 June.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: A source who has provided reliable information in the past.

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[REDACTED] an alleged black nationalist from Canada and a companion will travel to Chicago where they will meet the members of the DuBois Clubs of America, a Communist-oriented group, and proceed to Washington, D. C. , to arrive on the 19th of June 1968 via Detroit. [REDACTED] and a group of negroes from Canada were previously reported as coming to Washington, D. C. , on the 19th of June after which "all hell will break loose."

SOURCE: FBI cable, 19 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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Three hundred college students arrived in Resurrection City on Monday and apparently will reside there.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 18 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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Robert Fulcher, a white person and organizer of a West Virginia group, will be in the mass demonstration on Solidarity Day. Fulcher [redacted] that he gets so angry at times he wants to kill people. He and a group of 25 have an appointment to see Robert C. Byrd on Thursday, 20 June, whom Fulcher believes should be "cut-down", according to press reports.

COMMENT: Fulcher has previously been in the area demonstrating at Byrd's home in Virginia.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 18 June 1968

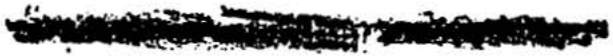
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The Rev. Virgil A. Wood, a militant negro from Boston and the Youth Alliance Inc., a militant negro teenage group from Boston, are reportedly participating in the Solidarity Day march. The Boston police suspected the Youth Alliance of creating incidents during past disturbances and believe the group may be armed.

George Madison Brower, a militant black nationalist from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reportedly arrived in Washington, D. C., on 18 June. He is reported to have been given an assignment of





blowing up a bridge in or near Washington, D. C., by Stokely Carmichael who, in turn, has allegedly said he would turn the Poor People's Campaign into a "bucket of blood." \*

SOURCE: FBI cable, 18 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: Reliability not stated

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A number of negro college students, some of whom might be militant, reportedly joined the Buffalo, New York, group participating in the Solidarity Day march. Reportedly a few extremists may be able to whip up some of the younger elements in the Buffalo group to militant action.

SOURCE: FBI cable, 18 June 1968

AUTHENTICATION: A source who has provided reliable information in the past.

ANALYSIS

It is speculated that if violence is to occur in Washington, D. C., it will occur not during the Solidarity Day march, but possibly at the time that Resurrection City is to be dismantled. It is believed that that city at that time will be inhabited by militant students and militant black power advocates and that these groups (the SCLC will have evacuated the camp completely) may provoke the police using this as a pretext to begin violent action.

\* The FBI has previously reported that George Brower (apparently identical to George Madison Brower) was with James Forman of SNCC in Sweden in April of 1968 when he and other members of the group with Forman met with individuals representing the North Vietnamese and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam. At this time the FBI described George Brower as an intimate associate of Sondra Patrinos, organization<sup>of</sup> secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District of the CPUSA.

